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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic database(s) consulted during the international search (name of database(s) and, where practicable, search terms used)

Delphion, Espacenet, USPTO, Canadian Patent Database

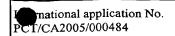
Keywords: Post, Railing, Balustrade, Handrail, Fence, Support, Shoe, Footing, Anchor, Composite, Multi

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

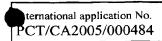
Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X Y	Groupe A Claims 1 to 5 and 12 to 17 US 6 141 928 (PLATT) 7 November 2000 (07-11-2000) The whole document	1 to 3 and 12 to 15 4, 5, 16, 17
Y	WO 91/13222 (DICKINSON) 5 September 1991 (05-09-1991) Fig. 2	4, 5, 16, 17
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3. []	Claim N because	Nos.: they are dependant claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).		
Box N	lo.	Ш	Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)		
This I	nter	national S	Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:		
The cl	laim	s on file	are directed to three distinctive groups of invention.		
	ı ou	ter memb	ard to claims 1 to 5 and 12 to 17, is directed to a post system for a railing comprising a post base having an inner member per encasing the inner member where the inner and outer members are constructed of a first and a second material		
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1. []		equired additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all ble claims.		
2. []	As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying additional fees, this Authority did not invite payment of additional fees.			
3. []	•	some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claim Nos.:		
4. [x]	•	ired additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is		
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Group B, with regard to claims 6 to 10, is directed to a post system for a railing comprising a railing post and an insert insertable into the first end of the railing post.
Group C, with regard to claim 11, is directed to a post system for a railing comprising a post base connectable with a first end of a railing post. The base post comprises a base member and a housing member engaging the fist end of the railing post.
NB: Claims 12 to 17 have been joined to group A, but may be joined to any of the above noted groups as they contain the subject matter of groups A, B and C.

Information on patent family members

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Group A: claims 1 to 5 and 12 to 17:					
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